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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
Michael T. Carley et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/667,144 ) Art Unit  
Filed: September 19, 2003 ) 3731  
Conf. No.: 7207 )  
For: CLOSURE DEVICE AND METHODS FOR )  
MAKING AND USING THEM )  
Examiner: Lindsey Bachman )  
Customer No.: 057360 )

**AMENDMENT "A"**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 19, 2006, please enter this Amendment for the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 and include an attached replacement sheet

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.